

Burlington County – Congressman John Adler, who represents the nation's first tri-service Joint Base, today announced that soldiers whose service was involuntarily extended in Iraq and Afghanistan have until October 21, 2010 to apply for retroactive pay. Soldiers eligible for retroactive pay will receive \$500 a month for each month their service was extended.

"The brave men and women of our Armed Forces answer the call to duty without question or hesitation," said Congressman John Adler. "They deserve to be compensated for tours of duty that were involuntarily extended in Iraq and Afghanistan. The deadline is approaching, and I urge eligible service members to submit their claims to receive the retroactive pay to which they are entitled."

The War Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009, which Congressman Adler helped pass, established retroactive stop loss special pay (RSLSP). The establishment of RSLSP allows service members whose service was involuntarily extended between September 11, 2001 and September 30, 2009 to file claims in order to receive retroactive pay. The deadline for submissions is October 21, 2010. For more information or to submit a claim please visit www.defense.gov/stoploss

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